

EXHIBIT 10

00280343



VISITING NURSE
HOSPICE ATLANTA

PATIENT AGREEMENT

PATIENT NAME: Velma Hinton VN #: _____

I, Velma Hinton, have received an explanation of hospice care and services from Deborah M. O'Connell on 3-8-09, effective 3-8-09.

I elect to have Hospice Atlanta provide comprehensive care for my life-limiting illness and complications arising from that illness. I acknowledge that I have been given a full understanding of the palliative rather than curative nature of hospice care.

I understand that my illness is life-limiting and that Hospice provides supportive rather than curative treatment. The goals of hospice care will be to help me remain comfortable, to relieve pain and suffering and to provide emotional support to me and my family.

☒ I do not want my life to be prolonged and I want to allow natural death. I want to receive only medicine and treatments to control pain and keep me comfortable when my death is expected.

☐ I do want my life to be prolonged to the extent possible, using artificial means if necessary.

RIGHTS/ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: I certify that I have received the Patient Admission Booklet which includes my Patient's Rights and Responsibilities, written materials on my right to refuse or accept medical and surgical treatment, and my right to formulate an advance directive. I certify that I have read each of the documents or that they have been explained to me and that I understand the information.

☐ I do not have an advance directive.

☐ I have executed an advance directive and will provide a copy to Hospice Atlanta. I understand that Hospice Atlanta will not be able to follow the terms of my advance directive until I provide them a copy.

I realize that whenever possible, hospice care will be provided in my place of residence and will consist of regular visits by members of the hospice interdisciplinary team and trained volunteers. The hospice interdisciplinary team will direct my care and Dr. John B. Smith whom I am designating as my attending physician, will work with the hospice team.

IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES OR I NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, I AGREE TO CONTACT THE HOSPICE STAFF. I understand a staff member is on-call 24 hours a day at (404) 869-3000. I acknowledge that should I seek medical care without authorized from Hospice Atlanta, I may be financially responsible.

I am aware that I may discontinue hospice services at any time by notifying Hospice Atlanta and signing the Revocation Form.

☐ **ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS/FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION:** I agree to allow Hospice Atlanta to bill the third party listed below on an assignment of benefits basis for health services provided to me. I further authorize payment directly to Hospice Atlanta of any benefits for health services. I also agree that I am financially responsible and will pay all charges not paid by any third party payer including, but not limited to, any deductibles, coinsurance, or any nonpayment in whole or in part by the third party payer. (Check expected payer(s) for services.)

Name of Beneficiary: Velma Hinton

☐ Medicare #: See back sheet

☐ Medicaid #: _____

☐ Insurance Company: _____

Phone #: _____

Policy Holder Name: _____

Policy/Contract #: _____

Group #: _____

If you have insurance, our financial counselors have verified coverage.

- ☒ a. You are covered at 100% and have no financial obligation except for items not authorized by Hospice Atlanta.
- ☐ b. Your policy covers _____ % which makes your financial responsibility \$ _____ per day as well as for items on the covered/non covered form.
- ☐ c. Your policy has no maximum limit.
- ☐ d. Your policy has a maximum limit of \$ _____.

☐ **CHARITABLE ALLOWANCE:** I am unable to pay for any services, or my responsible portion of those services. I am requesting a financial assessment to determine my eligibility for a charitable allowance.

☐ **SELF-PAY:** I agree that I am financially responsible and will pay all charges for services received.

* D.S. Woods 3/8/09 Shari Mann
Patient's or Legal Representative's Signature Date Print Full Name of Patient or Legal Representative

Deborah M. O'Connell 3-8-09 Deborah M. O'Connell
Relationship of Legal Representative Date Print Full Name
Reason Patient Unable to Sign